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NEWS RELEASE –

The Miami County Treasurer's office reports that property tax statements for 2006 payable 2007 taxes will be mailed the week of October 22. Please note that Miami County taxpayers who pay their property taxes through a lender escrow account will not receive a tax statement. The lender will receive the tax statement. November 30, 2007 has been established as the due date for both the spring and fall installments of the 2006 payable 2007 property taxes. Office hours of the Miami County Treasurer's Office are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Telephone number 472-3901)

To avoid penalties, payments must be made by the due date of November 30. A penalty will be charged, after the due date, in the amount of 5% of the unpaid tax if the installments are paid in full on or before thirty (30) days after the due date and the taxpayer is not liable for delinquent property taxes which were due and payable in a previous year for the same parcel. Otherwise, the penalty will be in the amount of 10% of the unpaid tax.

It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to inform the County Treasurer of all property owned in the county for which taxes are due and payable. If the taxpayer believes they have not received all property tax statements, it is their responsibility to notify the County Treasurer. If the taxpayer mails their payments, the envelope must be postmarked by the due date. If a tax receipt is needed, mail or bring both "Treasurer" and "Taxpayer" copies when making payment. If a mailed receipt is requested, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. The "Taxpayer" copy will be validated and returned to the taxpayer. No receipts will be returned without a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Make checks payable to the Miami County Treasurer and send to the address indicated on the face of the bill. Do not send cash. The Miami County Treasurer is now offering a payment option to taxpayers which includes payment by charge card or debit card through **www.paytrustsolutions.com** or by calling 1-866-480-8552. This option is a convenience provided to taxpayers and the cardholder will be assessed a fee by PayTrustSolutions for using this option. For more information about using this payment option and the convenience fee assessed to your card, please call 1-866-480-8552.

Miami County taxpayers will also see the annual Solid Waste District Fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) included on their tax statement effective this year. By action of the Miami County Solid Waste District, the Solid Waste District Fee is included on each tax parcel identified as a dwelling unit or business unit. For more information about this charge, please contact the Solid Waste District Director at 25 Court Street, Peru, IN or phone 472-7224. The Solid Waste District Board also established a twenty-five (\$25) dollar penalty to be assessed for late payment if the Solid Waste District Fee is not paid by the due date of November 30.

To access property tax information online visit the Miami County website at www.miamicountyin.gov/property